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#### **Business Updates**



Upgrade to claims form submission on Kaiser Permanente's provider site

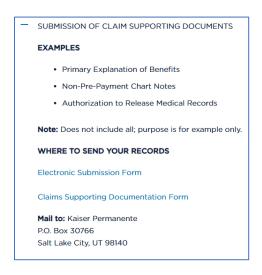
You can now upload an unlimited amount of medical records and documents via the claims supporting document form on the Kaiser Permanente provider site!

On the <u>Provider Reconsideration</u> provider manual page, we have made two updates:

1. The Pre-Payment section now lists example reason codes to assist you with your claims supporting document submissions.

MEDICAL RECORDS AND ITEMIZATION SUBMISSIONS REA	SON CODE
• N366, N26, and N221	
Note: Does not include all; purpose is for example only.	
MEDICAL RECORDS AND ITEMIZATION SUBMISSIONS	
Electronic Submission Form	
Email: pre-pay-inbox@kp.org	

2. A new section titled "Submission of claims supporting documents" has been added. You can submit an unlimited number of pages via this form.



If you have any questions, please contact the Provider Assistance Unit at 1-888-767-4670.

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### Kaiser Permanente Attestation Portal for Contracted Medical Organizations

The <u>Kaiser Permanente Attestation Portal</u> is live and actively in use in Affiliate Link, making it easier and more efficient to submit and manage contracted practitioner and practice location information with accuracy.

We appreciate everyone who has already made the transition to the new platform. If you're new to the portal, we've got you covered. See the <u>comprehensive flipbook</u> to walk you through the portal's features, helping you navigate it with confidence

We're actively working to onboard all contracted providers (excluding delegated) onto the attestation portal. If you'd like to get ahead of the transition, simply email <u>kpwa.provider-directory@kp.org</u> with your medical organization name and email address, and we'll add you to the system.



### <u>Coming Soon: Kaiser Permanente Attestation Portal for Mental</u> <u>Health (Magellan) Providers</u>

We're excited to announce that beginning **July 2025**, mental health (Magellan) providers will transition to our internal Kaiser Permanente Attestation Portal. This platform is designed to support the Kaiser Permanente network for directory changes.

While no providers have made the switch just yet, we're getting everything ready for a smooth rollout. To help you prepare, we've developed a <u>comprehensive flipbook</u> that walks you through the portal's features, making it easy to navigate and use with confidence.

We're working to onboard all mental health (Magellan) providers to the portal in the coming months.

Stay tuned—more details coming soon!



### Upcoming Changes to Kaiser Permanente's Non-Grandfathered Delegated Group Rosters

To increase efficiency of handling non-grandfathered delegated rosters, Kaiser Permanente will automate the import of these rosters into our system in May.

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While there will be no changes to the procedures for receiving rosters or the processes that occur postimport into our system, emails will be sent to each delegated group roster contact with the necessary information to ensure their roster complies with the standards. We will provide support to ensure that the transition is smooth for providers.



### **Expanded Everett Medical Center opens June 3**

We are pleased to share that Kaiser Permanente Washington's newly expanded Everett Medical Center opens on June 3. This new facility will enhance care options in Snohomish County with more specialty care, advanced imaging, and pharmacy access under one roof. If you would like more information about these new services, please contact the Provider Assistance Unit at 1-888-767-4670.

#### **Clinical Updates**



#### Updated prior authorization criteria for Stelara

Effective July 3, 2025, the criteria for intravenous Ustekinumab (Stelara) will be updated to require two biosimilars. This change does not affect current authorizations for Stelara; however, any new authorizations are subject to the new criteria. Please see our provider notice regarding the change in prior authorization criteria required before administering this medication under the medical benefit.



### Kaiser Permanente Gastroenterology launches internal liver transient elastography program

Kaiser Permanente Gastroenterology is excited to announce its acquisition of the Hepatus 6 Transient Elastography Diagnostic Ultrasound System for non-invasive liver disease management. This technology will aid in the early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of liver diseases and quantitative diagnosis of liver stiffness and liver steatosis.

Beginning June 2025, Kaiser Permanente will offer this service to patients who meet the criteria for assessment. The services will be performed at our Capitol Hill Medical Center Gastroenterology Clinic.

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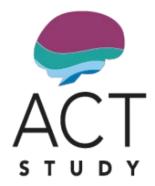
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### Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute News



On the ground with KPWHRI's flu trackers

An <u>interim assessment</u> shows the 2024-2025 flu vaccine has performed well, substantially reducing the risk of flu-related medical visits and hospitalizations for all age groups. However, less than half of adults and children nationwide have gotten the vaccine.



#### Adult Changes in Thought Research Symposium: May 13 & 14 (online)

Join us for a virtual 2025 Adult Changes in Thought (ACT) Research Symposium. The symposium brings together scientists and other interested individuals to discuss research related to the ACT study and brain aging. This year's theme: "Vascular contributions to cognitive impairment and dementia with a focus on sex differences." <u>Read more and register</u>.

#### **Provider Notices**



Notices can be viewed on our <u>Provider Notices</u> page on the <u>Kaiser</u> <u>Permanente provider site</u>. Please check our provider site on a regular basis for provider manual changes and updates.

We communicate changes to the <u>Provider Manual</u> in the <u>Provider</u> <u>eNews</u> for your convenience. However, it is your responsibility to remain updated on any changes by visiting our site regularly for updates on our policies and procedures.

- <u>Updated prior authorization criteria for Ustekinumab (Stelara)</u>
- Updated prior authorization criteria for Trastuzumab (Herceptin)
- Changes to medical necessity review criteria for gender affirming surgery
- Changes to medical necessity review criteria for high-frequency chest wall oscillation
- Changes to medical necessity review criteria for tumor treatment field therapy
- Hearing aid services
- 2025 annual provider notice for Kaiser Permanente NCQA accreditation

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- Mental health & wellness provider network support transitioning back to Kaiser Permanente
- Teprotumumab-trbw (Tepezza) updated prior authorization criteria
- Spesolimab-sbzo (Spevigo) updated prior authorization criteria
- Daxibotulinumtoxina-lanm (Daxxify) updated prior authorization criteria
- Daratumumab (Darzalex Faspro) updated prior authorization criteria
- <u>Tralokinumab-ldrm (Adbry) not covered under the medical benefit</u>
- <u>Avacincaptad pegol intravitreal solution (Izervay) updated prior authorization criteria</u>
- <u>Changes to medical necessity review criteria for low vision aides & devices</u>
- Changes to medical necessity review criteria for PSMA PET
- Changes to medical necessity review criteria for bunionectomy

### **EFT Deposit & Check Mailing Dates**



#### 2025 EFT Deposit & Check Mail Dates

Provider reimbursement checks are scheduled to be deposited ACH or mailed on the following dates. Mailed checks should arrive within approximately 3 business days.

January 9, 16, 24, 30	July 8, 10, 17, 24, 31
February 6, 13, 21, 27	August 7, 14, 21, 28
March 6, 13, 20, 27	September 5, 11, 18, 25
April 5, 10, 17, 24	October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
May 3, 8, 15, 22, 30	November 6, 13, 20, 28
June 5, 12, 19, 26	December 4, 11, 18, 26

#### Kaiser Permanente Holidays

New Year's Day Monday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 20

Presidents' Day Monday, February 17

Memorial Day Monday, May 26

Independence Day Thursday, July 4

Labor Day Monday, September 1

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 27

Christmas Wednesday, December 25



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### **Provider Resources**



Submit a **Provider Update Form** to inform us of changes to your practice.



View our **Provider Directory**.

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